

Regional Transportation Priorities (Joint Regional Plan, Regional Agenda Update)

Inter-regional Improvement Recommendations

- Outer perimeter highway from I-75 to I-85
- Appalachian Scenic Parkway
- APD 515 from Blairsville to North Carolina
- Spur connector for APD 515 at Ball Ground with Georgia Highway 400
- Widening of Georgia Highway 5 to five lanes from APD 515 at Blue Ridge to McCaysville and construct a McCaysville/Copperhill bypass to connect with US Highway 64 in Tennessee
- Georgia portion of Atlanta to Memphis Highway
- Widen US Highway 411 from Tennessee to Cartersville to Knoxville, Tennessee
- Four-lane US Highway 27
- Develop an improved commuter route from Tennessee into Catoosa County

Intra-regional Improvement Recommendations

- Four lane Georgia Highway 140 from US Highway 27 to I-75
- Calhoun by-pass
- Widen Georgia 278 from Rockmart to Cedartown
- Widen Georgia Highway 53 from APD 515 to Jasper and add passing lanes on additional sections
- Widen Georgia Highway 101 from Rome to Rockmart

Alternative Transportation Mode Investigations

- Commuter rail connecting the region to Atlanta and Chattanooga
- Amtrak service through the region
- Expanding services of local bus systems
- Linking county bus systems to existing and future mass transit systems

